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SUBJ: TORRINGTON INDUSTRIES

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1. EMBASSY MET WITH SHANNON AND ASHMEAD JULY 7 AND REVIEWED WRITTEN PROPOSALS AND COUNTER-PROPOSALS BY MINISTRY LABOR AND TORRINGTON. MINISTRY PROPOSAL IN ESSENCE AS REPORTED REFTEL A EXCEPT THAT THERE IS CLAUSE PROVIDING FOR INQUIRY ABOUT CABRITA WITHIN TEN DAYS WHILE CABRITA REMAINS OUTSIDE OF PLANT. SHANNON (SPELLED CHANNOU AND GHANNOU IN VARIOUS PLACES) WOULD BE REPLACED QUOTE RAPIDLY UNQUOTE ACCORDING TO WRITTEN DOCUMENT WITH NO MENTION OF INQUIRY. LATER, DURING VERBAL INTERCHANGE, ROSA REPORTEDLY AGREED, IN AN APPARENT INCONSISTENCY WHICH NEVER BECAME CLEAR, TO INQUIRY ABOUT SHANNON'S DISMISSAL.

2. TORRINGTON'S WRITTEN COUNTER-PROPOSAL, PRESENTED ON JULY 4, CALLS FOR INQUIRY ABOUT CABRITA, RETURN TO PLANT BY SHANNON WITH HIS ULTIMATE FATE TO BE DECIDED BY TORRINGTON PRESIDENT O'CONNEL AND LABOR MINISTER COSTA MARTINS, FULL PAYMENT OF WORKERS WHO SHOULD RETURN BY JULY 7, AND INQUIRIES OVER 16 PORTUGUESE MANAGERS

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TO BE BASED SOLELY ON ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO APRIL 4. THIS LAST

CONDITION WAS IMPOSED TO PREVENT INQUIRY DECISION BASED UPON
ACTIVITIES AFTER LOCK-OUT.

3. TORRINGTON HAS NOT YET PRESENTED FINAL POSITION TO AMARAL. THEY
ARE AWAITING APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY COME IN POSSIBLE
TUESDAY (JULY 8) MEETING WITH HIM. EMBASSY HAS SEEN COPY OF
DOCUMENT; IT IS AS DESCRIBED PARA 3 REFTEL A.

4. EMBASSY OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH AMARAL JULY 8 IN ATTEMPT
ASCERTAIN REASONS FOR ABRUPT CHANGE IN LABOR MINISTRY POLICY.
WE ALSO PLAN TO RAISE TORRINGTON CASE WITH CHIEF OF ECONOMIC
DIVISION OF FORMIN.

5. EMBASSY ALSO ATTEMPTING TO HAVE JULY 11 TORRINGTON MEETING
WITH INDUSTRIES MINISTER CRAVINHO SET FOR EARLIER DATE, IN ORDER
BRING MATTER TO HIS ATTENTION AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. WHILE
TORRINGTON OFFICIALS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT VALUE OF VISIT, THEY
AGREED TO EARLIER DATE IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED.
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